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Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

DYNAMIC QUORUM ADJUSTMENT

and invented by:

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**ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION
ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK**

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Application Elements

1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 11 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)

a. Formal Number of Sheets _____
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4. Oath or Declaration

PARTIALLY

- a. Newly executed (*original or copy*) Unexecuted
b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
c. With Power of Attorney Without Power of Attorney
d. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied
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6. Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)

- a. Paper Copy
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c. Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)

9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)

10. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

11. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
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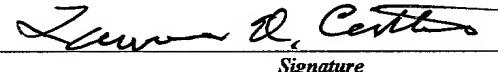
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